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In re Reissue Application of

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Examiner: J. Henry

For: CATADIOPTRIC PROJECTION SYSTEMS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is responsive to the <u>Final</u> Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, having a shortened period for response set to expire on June 12, 2002.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 1-58 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §251:

In the Office Action at pages 2 to 3, the Examiner rejects claims 27-57 under 35 U.S.C. §251. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that claims 27-57 do not include a linking claim such that the claimed inventions do not have a unity of invention with the claims